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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (currently amended): A pneumatic tire reinforced with a tire reinforcing member

comprising:

at least one composite layer comprising a coating rubber composition and steel (a)

cords, and

(b) at least one squeegee rubber composition layer comprising a rubber composition

component, which adjoins to the composite layer,

wherein said rubber component of said at least one squeegee rubber composition layer

comprises a natural rubber and/or a synthetic isoprene rubber in the amount of 50% by weight or

more,

wherein a Cobalt salt of an organic acid, as an adhesion promoter, and sulfur are

compounded into the squeegee rubber composition layer, the amount of the Cobalt salt of an

organic acid being 0.1 to 0.3 part by weight in terms of a Cobalt atom and the amount of sulfur

being 3 to 8 parts by weight each based on 100 parts by weight of the rubber component of the

squeegee rubber composition,

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wherein a basic inorganic filler is compounded into the squeegee rubber composition layer in an amount of 0.1 to 20 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the rubber component of the squeegee rubber composition, wherein the basic inorganic filler is a hydrotalcite mineral represented by the following Formula (I) or a calcined product thereof:

$$[M_1^{2+})_{(1-x)}(M_2^{3+})_x(OH^-)_2]^{x+\bullet}[(A^{n-})_{x/n}\bullet mH_2O]^{x-}$$
 (I)

wherein M_1^{2+} is a divalent metal cation, M_2^{3+} is a trivalent metal cation, A^{n-} is an nvalent anion, x is the number satisfying an equation $0 < x \le 0.5$, and m is zero or a positive number, and

wherein the reinforcing member constitutes at least one of a carcass ply and a belt ply, and wherein the pneumatic tire is at least one of a truck tire, a bus tire and an off-road tire.

Claims 3-15 (canceled).

Claim 16 (previously presented): The pneumatic tire reinforced with the tire reinforcing member according to Claim 2, wherein the hydrotalcite mineral is a calcined product having the crystal-water removed.

Claim 17 (canceled).

Claim 18 (canceled).

Claim 19 (canceled).

Claim 20 (canceled).